

# RENDELL E. DE KORT

## Development Economist

Senior Development Economist with experience in public policy and macro economic analysis in the Dutch Caribbean. Currently providing economic and financial advisory with a focus on sustainability.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024   Present	<b>Commissioner of State-owned Enterprise</b> Aruba Agri Development Company N.V. <span>📍 Oranjestad, Aruba</span>
2018   Present	<b>Senior Partner</b> Cornerstone Economics / Lovely Data <span>📍 Oranjestad, Aruba</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Financial and economic advisory with a focus on sustainability</li><li>Business analytics and data solutions advisory and training</li><li>Research, including randomized control trials (RCT) on social interventions</li></ul>
2012   2024	<b>Adjunct faculty</b> University of Aruba <span>📍 Oranjestad, Aruba</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Political and Economic Development (Faculty Arts &amp; Science)</li><li>Macro Economics (Faculty Accounting, Finance &amp; Marketing)</li><li>Small Island Developing States (Faculty Arts &amp; Science)</li><li>COVID-19 Food Security and Economic Diversity in the CAS islands (ZonMw research project)</li></ul>
2020   2023	<b>Economist Consultant</b> The World Bank <span>📍 Remote (Washington, DC office)</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Disaster Risk Financing Technical Assistance for Sint Maarten</li><li>Liaison Food security assessment for Aruba and Curacao</li><li>Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) for Bonaire</li><li>Carrying Capacity Assessment Bonaire</li></ul>
2019	<b>Consultant Tourism Statistics and National Accounts Statistics</b> Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba <span>📍 Oranjestad, Aruba</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Programmed the analysis of tourism expenditure survey data and aggregating it to GDP.</li><li>Coordinated a data system to process quarterly firm level data</li><li>Programmed a data pipeline to combine and analyze firm level data from various sources.</li></ul>
2010   2018	<b>Economist</b> Centrale Bank van Aruba <span>📍 Oranjestad, Aruba</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Spearheaded the development, operation and maintenance of forecasting models and the macroeconomic model of the Aruban economy</li><li>Formulated and communicated the narrative concerning economic development of Aruba</li><li>Served as the secretary to the Monetary Policy Committee as well as to the Coordination Committee of the public sector</li></ul>



### CONTACT INFO

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### SKILLS

Senior Development Economist with experience in macro economic policy and data science

Ample experience with political, administrative and intercultural relations, particularly in Caribbean OCTs.

Passionate about advancing economic resilience and food security objectives in Small Island States.

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## EDUCATION

2022  
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2028

### • **VU University Amsterdam**

Ph.D. candidate: Economic resilience to external shocks in Small Island States

📍 Remote (the Netherlands)

• Advisor: Prof. Kees Boersma, Professor of socio-technical innovation and societal resilience in the Faculty of Social Sciences, VU University Amsterdam

• Co-advisor: Prof. Mark Sanders, Professor of International Economics in the school of Business and Economics, Maastricht University

2008  
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2009

### • **University of Manchester**

Msc. in Development Economics & Policy

📍 Manchester, UK

• Thesis: Searching for Binding Constraints on Economic Growth in Aruba: Applying the Growth Diagnostics Approach

• Courses included: Econometrics, Public Sector Economics, Stabilization & Development, Macroeconomics and Applied Development Econometrics

2007  
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2008

### • **University of Nottingham**

Graduate Diploma Economics

📍 Nottingham, UK

• Courses included: Mathematics for Economists, Advanced Macroeconomics and Microeconomics, Health Economics and Econometrics.

• Contributor to the Nottingham Economic Review and elected student representative at the school of Economics.

2003  
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2007

### • **Inholland University of Applied Sciences**

Bachelor of Business Administration

📍 Rotterdam, the Netherlands

• Completed a semester at the Ecole Supérieure du Commerce Extérieur (ESCE) in Paris France as

part of an Erasmus exchange program.



## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2022

### • **Diagnostics on the technology divide on Aruba**

Co-authored through Cornerstone Economics for a project commissioned by Aruba Futura foundation.

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba

### • **COVID-19 Post-Disaster Needs Assessment Bonaire: Socioeconomic assessment (March - December 2020)**

Co-authored as part of a diverse team of World Bank experts. 📍 2021

### • **Building Aruba's Food Security During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond**

Co-authored as part of a diverse team of World Bank experts. 📍 2020

### • **The economic valuation of agriculture in Aruba**

Chapter in The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity, Aruba (with F. Lacle)

📍 2018

2017

- **Forecasting tourism demand through search queries and machine learning**  
IFC Bulletin, Bank for International Settlements No. 44  
📍 Bali, Indonesia

- **The economic consequence of the disappearance of Natalee Holloway**  
Published in Dutch (with J. Ridderstaat and W. Hassink) on Mejudice.  
📍 2015

2011

- **Getting the price right: Calibrating tourism price measures for Aruba**  
Co-authored (with W. Mosher) for the Annual Review Seminar "Macroeconomic Policy And the Way Forward: Redesigning Economic Policy in the Context of Global Challenges."  
📍 Bridgetown, Barbados



## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

2022  
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Present

- **Board Member and Secretary Centro Deportivo Playa**  
Appointed as part of a new board entrusted to restore the multi-functional sport facility  
📍 Oranjestad, Aruba

2015  
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Present

- **Board Member and Treasurer Fundacion Guia Mi**  
Fundacion Guia Mi is a government subsidized foundation on Aruba to which the court assigns custody of minors. The foundation also recruits , provides training to, and guides foster families.  
📍 Oranjestad, Aruba

2014  
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2015

- **President Kiwanis Young Professionals Aruba (KYPA)**  
One of four adult Kiwanis clubs on Aruba, KYPA is specifically geared towards young professionals.  
📍 Oranjestad, Aruba



## PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

2021

- **Young Leaders of the Americas Professional fellow**  
The U.S. Department of State  
📍 Washington, U.S.

2019

- **Top 5 nomination Best in Business Award 2019**  
Guardian Group  
📍 Oranjestad, Aruba
- **Founding Curator Oranjestad Global Shapers**  
Global Shapers Community - an initiative of the World Economic Forum  
📍 Oranjestad, Aruba